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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA  
October 18, 2005**

**Present:** Commissioners Lythgoe and Weber; Harold Stepper, County Planner; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor/Jefferson County Courier*; Phil Grossberg, Job Service; Cheryl Smith, Project Challenge; Lisa Smith, Career Training Institute

**Absent:** Commissioner Notbohm

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to approve the minutes of September 20. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

**CALENDAR REVIEW**

10/19 Rancher's Roundtable - Whitehall - 6:30  
Road review with Ben - 7:00  
CTAC - Whitehall - 8:00  
10/20 Solid Waste - 7:00  
10/24 Golden Triangle - Great Fall - 10:00  
Fair Board - 7:00

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

**INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY PUBLIC MEETING**

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he attended a public meeting in Montana City on Tuesday regarding the infrastructure study. The consultant was very pleased with the attendance and response. Another public meeting will be held in December.

**TRI-CO FIRE**

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that the Tri-Co fire meeting he attended on Thursday had a low attendance. They discussed on-going mitigation projects; about half are in Jefferson County and half in Lewis and Clark. He stated that Pat McKelvey was just back from Houston and had some war stories of managing all those people affected by the hurricanes.

**ELKHORN WORKING GROUP**

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that the Elkhorn Working Group was a little bit interested in the October 18, 2005 minutes.wpd

Commission's meeting with the Governor regarding the roadless issue, but they had no input. The group is looking for an Elkhorn coordinator. This could be a stand-alone position or part-time Forest Service.

### ROADS

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he received a lot of calls about roads the previous day. He stated that it is that time of year; there is no moisture in the roads, and it is not productive to work on them.

### ROADLESS ISSUES MEETING

Commissioner Weber reported that he has been focusing a lot on the roadless issues meeting. He spoke with Tim Mulligan with Fish, Wildlife and Parks to get their input. Mike Korn called back. The Governor has also charged them with the same task, but more from a wildlife standpoint, so Mike had no input for the Commission.

### METAL PILES

Commissioner Weber stated that he has been getting a lot of feedback on the Solid Waste Board's decision to close the metal piles to scavenge. This is an emotional issue to some, and will be a major topic of discussion at the Solid Waste Board meeting on Thursday night.

### ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS

Commissioner Weber stated that he has a concern that needs to be placed on an agenda. There are currently two roads in Jefferson County with the same name - Airport Road. One is in the Boulder area and one in the Whitehall area. Harold stated that they have a "B" or "W" designation in the database, but this wouldn't come up on the 9-1-1 database.

### ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW

#### RESOLUTION 31-2005 BUDGET AMENDMENT TO GRANT SPENDING AUTHORITY FROM THE SALE OF FIXED ASSETS - ROAD DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Lythgoe read the resolution as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION 31-2005**

#### **BUDGET AMENDMENT TO GRANT SPENDING AUTHORITY FROM THE SALE OF FIXED ASSETS - ROAD DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Road Department has received monies from the sale of fixed assets, specifically three old road department trucks and three old road department trailers, in excess of the amount anticipated for fiscal year 2005-2006;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners that the anticipated revenues of Jefferson County for fiscal year 2005-2006 be

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correspondingly increased in fund 2110 revenue source 360000 and in expenditure account 430240 object 940 \$23,032.92.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Twenty-Three Thousand Thirty-Two dollars and Ninety-Two cents received from the sale of fixed assets be appropriated to the Jefferson County Fund 2110, expenditure account 430240, object 940.

**DATED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005.

**ATTEST:**

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**BONNIE RAMEY**  
**CLERK AND RECORDER**

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**TOMAS E. LYTHGOE, CHAIR**

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**CHUCK NOTBOHM, COMMISSIONER**

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**KEN WEBER, COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Weber moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON FORMING SUBCOMMITTEE TO RESEARCH FIRE PROTECTION OUTSIDE OF FIRE DISTRICTS**

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he has a Fire Council meeting that night and he would try to glean a subcommittee from that group. He stated that it makes sense to utilize their expertise.

**DISCUSS SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE**

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he has been doing research on this. He talked with Doug Bailey on the phone earlier that day. Doug initially thought that it was up to the counties to set speed limits. Now he says that the county doesn't need to do a speed study, but can't set speed limits lower than 35 mph. Ben has become aware of a piece of equipment at the MACRS meeting that reads speeds, does a traffic count and is able to set the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile. In Ben's research, he has found that Stillwater County is using this to do their own speed studies, and their County Attorney states that the data is comparable with an engineered speed study.

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he is going to have Ben discuss this with Matt, and this will be on the agenda to discuss further at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Weber stated that he also saw the equipment at the MACRS meeting, and it puts out some impressive data.

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that they have a number of roads in the current ordinance that are not compliant with statute. They need to decide if they are going to leave them at this time. Some are set at 25 mph that they feel need to stay at 25 mph. Commissioner Lythgoe also noted that when he talked to Doug, Doug stated that MDT would be willing to do a modified study on some critical roads. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he would be willing to take them up on the offer this fall.

Commissioner Weber stated that since PILT dollars are discretionary, can't they just purchase the equipment and start gathering data. This is a huge health and safety issue. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that Ben should do some research first, there may be other manufactures out there with similar products.

#### DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON TAKING MOONLIGHT RIDGE PERFORMANCE BOND

Greg Dahl, the developer of Moonlight Ridge, stated that he thinks he is probably done. He spoke with Ann Harry at DEQ that morning, and based on the photos he submitted to DEQ, she feels that he is done. She wants to confer with Mary Schroder first, but could not reach her this morning. Ben has been out to review the road and agrees that it is much better; this is how it should have been built in the first place.

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he heard from Rick Abraham that he had a list of things he wanted addressed. Rick was supposed to fax the list, but he hasn't. Greg didn't know what Rick might still want, with the exception of a drawing of the water system. Greg stated that he has the photos, and he will do the line drawing and get those to Rick by the beginning of next week. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that Rick indicated that he has a list, but noted that the Commission can't hold Greg to something that they don't have. Greg stated that the backfill is done on top, and he has picked up a couple of heaters for the water system. Stahly has been paid for the pressure test. Harold stated that he has talked to Stahly and did receive payment; he hasn't gotten the report yet however. Commissioner Weber asked Harold if he had talked to DEQ. Harold stated that he did, and the report will be out soon.

Commissioner Weber moved to release the Moonlight Ridge performance bond upon receipt of DEQ approval of the storm water drainage system. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. Harold asked about the issues that the fire chief had. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he doesn't know what they are; Rick was supposed to fax them and didn't. Commissioner Weber stated that at the inspection of the water system Rick raised some concerns and all have been met. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he doesn't know how the Commission can hold Greg to what they don't have. Greg stated that he will be out of town for a couple days, but will commit to print the pictures and do the as-built drawing and will get them to Rick by Monday. The only other thing that he can think of that Rick might be wanting is the report from Stahly. Commissioner Weber noted that they have gotten a verbal okay on that. The motion carried.

#### PHIL GROSSBERG - JOB SERVICE UPDATE

Phil Grossberg with Job Service, stated that they are there for their annual visit to update the Commission on the services that they provide. Phil stated that they have updated the website to make it more user friendly. Commissioner Lythgoe asked if they still suggest a face-to-face meeting with job seekers. Phil stated that it is not necessary. Job seekers can input their data onto the website and it creates a resume that potential employers can view. Regarding the WIA, they continue to provide service to adult clients that are not currently at a livable wage although they have seen a decrease in funding. They visit Jefferson County quarterly and they are trying to bring services out here. They provide training and help with the job search.

Cheryl Smith stated that she runs the dislocated worker program. This year, the president has included veterans, and they will get priority services. She has worked with several in Jefferson County.

Lisa Smith runs the Career Training Institute, and they also work with employers. They offer

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free or low-cost training and have a business resource center. She stated that community agencies see that there is a need to apply on-line for an increasing number of jobs. The library will be providing training on computer literacy. There is also computer software training at CTI in conjunction with the Helena College of Technology. They are also providing a business office specialist course, which is a 16-week, 320-hour training program in coordination with Job Service. One track is basic administration and one track is medical secretary. Employers are contributing to the classes, along the lines of letting CTI know what they need. Commissioner Lythgoe asked if there are special programs for people with disabilities. Lisa said that they usually go to vocational rehab; after that they can go on to some of their training.

Commissioner Lythgoe asked about the changes the Governor has made regarding WIA, and if it would change the program overall. Phil stated that it is still up in the air. The plan still needs approval on the federal level. He doesn't feel that it will make a lot of difference. He anticipates being able to provide broader services to more clients.

Commissioner Weber thanked Phil, Cheryl and Lisa for all that they do, noting that he has used their services in the past and that they are very helpful.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

### **ATTEST:**

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